



*Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church*

September 28, 2014
8:00 AM, Chapel
16th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to BMPC

Lord, Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

VISITING TODAY? Please sign the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew and introduce yourself to a pastor after the service.

MAKE THIS YOUR CHURCH HOME! New members will be warmly welcomed to our community of faith on Sun., Oct. 12. For more information or to register, contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
(see signs in building entrances for room assignments):

- **Children age 2 to PreK:** 10:00 a.m. classes, Ed. Bldg.
- **Grades K-5:** 10:15 a.m., classes in the Ed. Bldg. (10:00-10:15 a.m. families worship together in the Sanctuary)
- **Grades 6-12:** 10:00 a.m., Youth Gathering in Gym; 10:30 a.m., Grade Groups in the Ministries Center

Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the entrance doors. Nursery care with electronic pagers is available in our Education Building.

Worship Notes

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Grafton D. Chase; Elizabeth C. Erb and Harry C. Erb; Richard W. Knecht; Emilie M. Pyle; and Louella & Melville Kennedy.

THE CARILLON will be played today by Dianne Heard.

ASSISTING with the service today is Elder Jen Bowers.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for today immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service, to act on the Rev. Dr. R. Charles Grant's request to dissolve his pastoral relationship with BMPC.

Today's bulletin cover is a pen and ink rendering of the Lord's Prayer on the wall in the Children's Chapel.



"I am the resurrection and the life."

Barbara Eckman — September 21, 2014

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Kellen A. Smith

(Please fill in the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew.)

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have encountered God's living Word in Jesus Christ,
calling us into communion with God and with each other.

**All: God has spoken and still speaks to those
who attend the roar and the whisper of the Holy Spirit.**

One: May the holy speech that has formed us and given life to the church,

All: Gather us now in worship and in praise.

† HYMN 483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Loving God, you promise to write your law upon our hearts so that we would be your faithful people, even as you are our faithful God. You have confirmed your promise to us in your gift of grace through Jesus Christ. Still, we neglect to be fully attentive to your Word and we stray from your ways. Forgive us, and renew us in our knowledge of you and your claim upon our lives. Grant us strength and courage to live with integrity, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(please remain seated)*



In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful; in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God; do not be a-
fraid. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jen Bowers

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 119:97-105 (*p. 568 in pew Bible*)

Jen Bowers

SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (*p. 213 in pew Bible*) Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON

Proclamation of the Word
In a Sermon Series on Worship

Agnes W. Norfleet

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† **HYMN 327**

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Kellen A. Smith

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE COMMUNION

You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper. Please break off a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and return to your seat, using the side aisle. If you prefer gluten- and casein-free bread, please partake from the center table. If you desire to be served in your seat, please raise your hand to alert an usher.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 328** All Praise to God for Song God Gives SACRED SONG

† **SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Honoring Pastoral Staff

INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR THE REV. RACHEL PEDERSEN. A Service of Installation for our new Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry, the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, will take place during worship next Sun., Oct. 5 (World Communion Sunday), at 10:00 a.m. A reception will follow in Congregational Hall.

HONORING THE REV. DR. R. CHARLES GRANT. Charles' last day with us will be Sun., Oct. 12, as he has accepted a call to be the Interim Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville, VA. We will celebrate his ministry among us at a reception following 10:00 a.m. worship on Sun., Oct. 12. Contributions to a "Love Offering" for Charles (checks made payable to BMPC) and notes of gratitude for a memory book may be sent to BMPC, Attn: Amy Bauer, through Mon., Oct. 6.

Announcements

THE PRESBYTERIAN PEACEMAKING OFFERING is being received today and next Sun., Oct. 5. This offering supports the efforts of our congregation and the wider PC(USA) as we strive for peace by working to transform cultures of violence into communities of peace. BMPC retains 25% of the offering for our peacemaking efforts, 25% supports peacemaking projects in the Philadelphia Presbytery and 50% is allocated to the denomination's national and international peacemaking ministries. Envelopes are available in the pews.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS. Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall (food served until 6:45 p.m.) Cost: \$8 for adults; \$5 for children/students. To view upcoming fresh-ingredient menus by Chef Ruth, see the "Announcements" box on the homepage of www.bmpc.org or call the church office at 610-525-2821.

JOIN SANCTUARY CHOIR. This vibrant community of singers performs a repertoire that spans three centuries, several languages, and a variety of styles ranging from Baroque to Spirituals and Gospel. Ability to read music and some choral experience is helpful. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m., September through May. To schedule a vocal interview with Jeffrey Brillhart, contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

CHOIR SCHOOL REGISTRATION. Our Fine Arts department offers choirs for kindergarten through Grade 12 and handbell choirs beginning in Grade 3. For more information or to register, contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

SINGING FOR LIFE. BMPC's choir for older adults (55+), which meets on Friday mornings from 9:30-10:45 a.m. beginning Oct. 3, focuses on stretching, breathing, and vocalizing. All members of the community are welcome; \$60 participation fee per semester (scholarships available). For registration information, contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

NEW CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS. Submit your recommendations by Sept. 30 for Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2014-2015 via the nominating forms found near the Sanctuary or Ministries Center entrances or online at www.bmpc.org/nominatingform. Contact: BradBaturka@comcast.net.

HELP BUILD A HOUSE OF BREAD. Bethlehem means “house of bread,” as our 4th and 5th graders have been learning in their study of Ruth. Picking up on the book’s themes of famine and plenty, these grades will be bringing in loaves of bread on Oct. 5 and building a house from the loaves after worship. You are encouraged to bring a loaf of your own favorite bread that day so the children can make as big a house as possible! All bread then will be given to local soup kitchens through the Hunger Committee.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS. Sun., Oct. 5, 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Gather for fellowship, singing, scripture, prayers, and individual blessings of companion animals. All friendly creatures great and small are welcome, along with their human companions. “St. Francis of Assisi” (the Rev. Dr. R. Charles Grant) will discuss our special relationship with God’s creatures of the animal kingdom and the blessings we receive from them. An offering of food and supplies for local animal shelters will be received, and refreshments will be served. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

BOY CHOIR CONCERT. Wed., Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary. BMPC welcomes the treble choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys, considered by major critics to be the outstanding choral ensemble of the Anglican musical tradition in the United States today. Tickets: \$10 for adults; \$5 for students. To purchase, visit www.bmpc.org/programs/music-and-fine-arts/concerts or contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

RADNOR STREET PARKING LOT CLOSED. Through early November, the Radnor Street parking lot (next to the Main Line Adult Day Center) is closed due to Ministries Center roof repair work. Additional handicapped spaces are available in the parking lot behind the Sanctuary. Contact: PeteDiRocco@bmpc.org, ext. 8844.

SUNDAY PARKING REMINDER. Those who are able-bodied are encouraged to park behind Harcum College (access on Pennswood Road). A Montgomery Avenue crossing guard is available for safety.

ART EXHIBIT. Photographs taken during the Sanctuary Choir Tour to Germany this summer will be on exhibit in the Conference Room through Oct. 12. View the choir performing in historic churches and images of cities and homes of Bach, Handel, Martin Luther and others made famous during the Reformation.

NEED A RIDE? We can help you with some of your transportation needs. For rides to medical appointments call the church office, 610-525-2821. Volunteer drivers welcome.

PRAYER MINISTRY. Our Thursday Morning Prayer Group meets at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel to pray for BMPC members and friends; an email-supported prayer chain now expands this ministry. Submit prayer requests on the cards found in the pew racks or visit www.bmpc.org/prayer. Contact: Jeanne LeBuhn, wlebuhn200@comcast.net, 610-688-6984

Children, Youth, and their Families

HIGH SCHOOL HAYRIDE AND BONFIRE. Sun., Oct. 19, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Sugartown Strawberries Farm, Malvern. Youth in grades 9-12 are invited for a night of fellowship, campfire songs, and s'mores. Cost: \$10. Register by 10/17: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

Adult Gatherings and Spiritual Enrichment

BIBLE STUDIES AND BOOK DISCUSSIONS:

- **Men's Study Group.** 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 9:30 a.m., Converse House. Led by the Rev. Dr. R. Charles Grant, this group is studying Islam. Men of all ages invited. Contact: CharlesGrant@bmpc.org, ext. 8820.
- **Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study.** Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m., Gloucester Room. The Rev. Rachel Pedersen leads our study of Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Bring your Bible; supplementary materials will be provided. Contact: RachelPedersen@bmpc.org, ext. 8810.
- **Horizons Bible Study.** Wed., Oct. 1, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village. The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet leads a study of *Reconciling Paul - A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians* by Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty. Contact: Joyce Malott, okf405@erols.com.
- **Couples Bible Study.** Sundays starting Oct. 5, 8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Room 206. Open to couples of all ages; topic TBD. Contact: Barbara Heaton, bhheaton@comcast.net.
- **Urban Suburban Book Group.** Tues., Oct. 21, 12:00 noon, Converse House Parlor. Discuss *The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline. Bring a bag lunch and beverage. Contact: Sherry.Archer19@yahoo.com.

THE STORY OF THE JEWS. Sundays, 8:45 a.m., Conference Room, led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. After viewing 20 minutes of the PBS series presented by British Historian Simon Schama, discuss the program. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

BREAD AS PEACE (AND ITS ABSENCE AS VIOLENCE) IN THE BODY OF CHRIST. Sundays through Oct. 12, 8:45 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor, led by Jon Pahl. This week, we study 1988, as factory farming began to become the norm in middle America. Oct. 5: "Bread for the City as Tikkun Olam." Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

BETWEEN SOLITUDE AND SERVICE. Sundays through Oct. 12, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. BMPC members Paul Burgmayer and Patricia Danzon lead a study on the Christian practices of service and contemplation. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

YOUNG ADULT POTLUCK BRUNCH. Today, 11:30 a.m. Pastor Kellen's Manse. Young adults (20s and 30s) are invited for a time of fellowship.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Sept. 30, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village, led by Marilyn Irwin. Discuss *Food and Climate*, the effects of changing climate on food security and U.S. foreign aid and climate policies. Contact: Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com.

WEEKDAY CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP. Wednesdays starting Oct. 1, 8:00 a.m., Chapel. Led by Patricia Danzon and David Heaton. Before turning to the day's work, listen to God using traditional prayer, *Lectio Divina*, and Centering Prayer. Contact: PatriciaDanzon@gmail.com.

SINGLES 50+ "FIRST FRIDAY." Fri., Oct. 3, 6:00 p.m. Enjoy fellowship at a restaurant in Bryn Mawr and then walk to a movie at the Bryn Mawr Film Institute. More information: DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext 8809.

WALK THE LABYRINTH IN PRAYER. Tues., Oct. 7, 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Labyrinth workshops to enhance your experience with this ancient symbol and prayer form: 10:15-11:00 a.m. and 6:30-7:15 p.m., Fullerton Room. Last walk of the evening begins at 7:15 p.m. Contact: JoyceKrajian@bmpc.org, 610-525-0766.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE PRESBYTERIAN? Wed., Oct. 8, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Gloucester Room. Learn about our Reformed tradition in the context of the world's religions and discuss beliefs that are basic to our Christian faith. All welcome, especially inquiring minds/those interested in membership. Contact: DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

HOLY LEISURE: A Women's Gathering. Fri., Oct. 10, 6:00 p.m., home of Barbara Cobb. Discuss "Table Manners at the Lord's Table," led by the Rev. Nicole Duran, and welcome the Rev. Rachel Pedersen. RSVP with what you plan to bring: Janet White, JanetW298@verizon.net.

MINDFUL EATING: BREAKING BREAD FOR BODY AND SOUL. Sat., Oct. 11, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Congregational Hall. Learn about eating mindfully, with a focus on nutrition and the impact of stress, sleep and exercise on developing healthy eating habits as part of The Middleton Center's "Wellness Series." Light breakfast and tastings with recipes included. Register: JoyceKrajian@bmpc.org, 610-525-0766.

SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS: AN EXPLORATION OF LOSS AND GRIEF. Sat., Oct. 11, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Converse House Parlor. Ongoing support group for those coping with the loss of a loved one, whether recent or many years ago. All welcome. Contact: JoyceKrajian@bmpc.org, 610-525-0766.

Y-GROUP MONTHLY MEETING (*for mothers of children newborn to age 18 and other women with children in their care*). Wed., Oct. 15, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Paper Source, 103 Coulter Ave., Ardmore. Create a one-of-a-kind Halloween decoration and sip and shop with your Y-Group friends. Craft fee: \$20. RSVP: Tricia.Mackay@gmail.com.

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP. Saturdays, 7:00 a.m., Converse House. Men of all ages invited for fellowship and lively discussions. Contact: LeeComer@hotmail.com.

Local and Worldwide Outreach

HELP FIGHT HUNGER:

- **Provide Snacks for our Tutoring Program Children.** Hunger is an issue with our Tutoring Program Children on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. You can help by providing snacks from a supplied menu for one week a year. This involves making sandwiches, providing fruit, and one additional snack. More information: SueGibbons@bmpc.org, ext. 8831.
- **World Food Day Collection.** Sun., Oct. 12, 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary. Members of our Hunger Committee will collect canned and nonperishable food items to be delivered to area food cupboards and homeless shelters. Especially needed: protein sources such as canned tuna fish, beans, stew, meats, baby food and baby formula. World Food Day is celebrated on Oct. 16. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.
- **Join our Hunger Committee.** Thurs., Oct. 16, 7:00 p.m., Conference Room. This group believes every person has a right to adequate food, obtained with dignity. Contact: Dave Hastings, dhast99@yahoo.com, 610-325-3456.
- **Hunger Committee Liaison Brunch.** Sun., Oct. 26, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Hear Philadelphia hunger leaders speak on food challenges facing area emergency food cupboards and shelters. RSVP by Oct. 17: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

SAVE THE DATE: CONGREGATION-WIDE SERVICE DAY. Sat., Oct. 18, 8:30 a.m. Habitat for Humanity again will collect used furniture and household goods to be sold at Re-Store. Start sorting now! Other tasks available for all ages and abilities include: sorting food at SHARE Food Program, cleaning and sorting at Arch Street Preschool, and assisting the elderly. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

This Week's Calendar Highlights

To see a full listing of ALL upcoming activities and meetings, visit our website: www.bmpc.org

Sunday, September 28, 2014

- 8:00 a.m. *Worship with Communion in the Chapel*
10:00 a.m. *Worship with Sanctuary Choir in the Sanctuary*
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
Infant and Toddler Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Room 102, 7:45-11:15 a.m.
8:45 a.m. Bread as Peace in the Body of Christ, Witherspoon Parlor
The Story of the Jews, Conference Room
Art@9, Ed. Bldg., Room 201
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Ages 2-4, Ed. Bldg.
Grades K-5 begin worship in the Sanctuary
Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12), Gym
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K-5, Ed. Bldg.
10:30 a.m. Youth Grade Groups, Ministries Center
Confirmation, Witherspoon Parlor

- 11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court (Coffee and Fellowship)
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 11:15 a.m. Between Solitude and Service, Witherspoon Parlor
- 11:30 a.m. Young Adult Brunch, Pastor Kellen's Manse

Monday, September 29, 2014

- 7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room

Tuesday, September 30, 2014

- 1:30 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room, Witherspoon Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg.

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 10:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village
- 4:00 p.m. Carol Choir, Ed. Bldg., Room 202
Jubilate Ringers, Fine Arts Center
- 5:00 p.m. Beginners Choir, St. Andrew Boy Choir, St. Cecilia Girl Choir, Fine Arts Center
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner (served until 6:45 p.m.), Congregational Hall
- 6:00 p.m. StudentServe Meeting (grades 9-12), Loft
- 6:30 p.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center
BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg.
- 7:00 p.m. Financial Peace University, Witherspoon Parlor

Thursday, October 2, 2014

- 9:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Prayer Group, Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center

Friday, October 3, 2014

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 11:00 a.m. Matter of Balance, Gloucester Room

Saturday, October 4, 2014

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House

Sunday, October 5, 2014—Installation Service for the Rev. Rachel Pedersen

- 8:00 a.m. *Worship with Communion in the Chapel*
The Rev. Lorraine Stevens, Seminary Intern, will preach.
- 10:00 a.m. *Worship with Sanctuary Choir and Communion in the Sanctuary*
The Rev. Christiana Lang, Guest Preacher, will preach.
- 11:00 a.m. Reception for the Rev. Rachel Pedersen
- 4:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals, Front Lawn

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Nicole Wilkinson Duran, Supply Pastor for Adult Education, Outreach,
and Worldwide Ministries

R. Charles Grant, Associate Pastor for Senior Adults and Pastoral Care

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry Elect

Kellen A. Smith, Associate Pastor for Youth, Their Families and College Ministries

Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music and Fine Arts

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